



**Legislative Department  
Seattle City Council  
Memorandum**

**Date:** August 14, 2013

**To:** All Councilmembers

**From:** Councilmember Tim Burgess  
Chair, Government Performance and Finance Committee

**Subject:** **Reappointment of City Auditor David Jones**

I am writing to recommend that City Auditor David Jones be reappointed to serve a second four-year term. His leadership of that office over the past four years has led to a steady expansion of its performance audit capabilities and has moved City government as a whole further in the direction of program evaluation and evidence-based practices. The work performed by his office allows the City to conduct its daily business more effectively and at a lower cost to the taxpayers.

David's work style is very collaborative, but he is also willing to hold departments accountable to the shortcomings his auditors reveal. In 2010, the Office of City Auditor began issuing annual reports on the implementation status of all of their audit recommendations. These reports are available online and provide valuable transparency to those who want to know how City departments have responded to an audit's findings.

In the attached letter of interest and résumé, you will find a longer list of David's accomplishments and experience.

David's current term expires on December 14, 2013, but the Municipal Code requires the Council to act on the Auditor's reappointment 45 days prior to this date. Since we will be entering our budget deliberations soon, the Government Performance and Finance Committee will first consider this appointment on September 4 and hold a second meeting and possible vote on September 18.

My office will be compiling questions for David in this reconfirmation process and, should the Committee signal intent to proceed with the reappointment, draft a letter of expectations for his second term. If you would like to contribute questions or comments, please send them to Nate Van Duzer at [nate.vanduzer@seattle.gov](mailto:nate.vanduzer@seattle.gov).